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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT YEN'S REMARKS AFTER HIS SWEARING-IN

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY'S  
TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN'S STATEMENT ISSUED  
FOLLOWING HIS SWEARING IN AT 11:00 APRIL 6, 1975:

QUOTE

A. OUR LATE PRESIDENT, CHIANG KAI-SHEK, WAS NOT ONLY  
THE SAVIOR OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE BUT ALSO THE WORLD'S FORE-  
MOST ANTI-COMMUNIST. HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS VIRTUES HAVE  
BEEN RECOGNIZED AND ADMIRERD EVERYWHERE. WHEN THE SAD NEWS  
OF HIS SUDDEN DEMISE FROM A HEART ATTACK SPREAD ACROSS THE  
LAND LAST MIDNIGHT, ALL THE PEOPLE--MILITARY AND CIVILIAN  
ALIKE--WERE STRICKEN WITH GRIEF. HE HAD BEEN MY MENTOR FOR  
A LONG TIME, AND HIS DEATH HAS SUNDERED MY HEART. I FAILED  
TO DO MY UTMOST TO ASSIST HIM AND TO SHARE HIS WORK AND  
SORROW IN PAST YEARS, AND FEEL DEEPLY SHAMED NOW THAT HE IS  
NO LONGER WITH US. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, I HAVE ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY. BUT  
MY ABILITIES AND MY VIRTUES ARE LIMITED, AND I HAVE A STRONG  
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SENSE OF INADEQUACY IN THE SHOULDERING OF SUCH HEAVY RES-

PONSIBILITIES. IN HIS LAST WORDS, OUR LATE PRESIDENT URGED ALL OF THE PEOPLE TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO THE REALIZATION OF THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF THE PEOPLE, THE RECOVERY OF THE MAINLAND, THE REBIRTH OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TO ADHERENCE TO DEMOCRACY IN THEIR UNITED DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION. I PLEDGE THAT I SHALL BRACE AND STRENGTHEN MYSELF AND, TOGETHER WITH ALL OF YOU, SHALL CARRY OUT THIS GREAT INSTRUCTION AND APPLY ALL MY WISDOM AND MY LOYALTY IN BRINGING HIS UNFINISHED TASKS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

B. THE LATE PRESIDENT DEDICATED ALL HIS LIFE TO THE CAUSE OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION. HE EXPERIENCED COUNTLESS GRAVE CHALLENGES AND ADVERSITIES. YET HE NEVER FAILED TO TURN ADVERSITY TO ADVANTAGE, TO REVERSE THE UNFAVORABLE TREND AND FINALLY TO TRIUMPH IN CONSEQUENCE OF HIS DETERMINATION AND IMMUTABLE CONFIDENCE. INHERITING HIS SPIRIT, WE HAVE NO FEAR OF ANY BLOW OR TEST THAT MAY BE ENCOUNTERED AS WE CARRY ON HIS WORK. AT A TIME WHEN THE NATIONAL CRISIS PERSISTS, WHEN THE COMMUNIST THREAT CONTINUES AND AS THE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF THE MAINLAND EAGERLY AWAIT THEIR DELIVERANCE, I AM PREPARED TO ENDURE ALL HARDSHIPS AND ALL HUMILITIES, AND TO DEDICATE MY CONSCIENCE AND MY SINCERITY TO ACHIEVING VICTORY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNISM AND FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY TOGETHER WITH ALL OF YOU. WE SHALL THUS ASSURE THE TOTAL VICTORY OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION.

C. EVERYONE HAS HIS SHARE OF DUTY IN CARRYING OUT THE REVOLUTION AND NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION. AS I HAVE SWORN, I SHALL "OBSERVE THE CONSTITUTION, FAITHFULLY PERFORM MY DUTIES, PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE" AND "SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF THE STATE." I SHALL DO ALL THAT IS HELPFUL IN OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNISM AND FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY, AND I SHALL DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING THAT MIGHT DAMAGE THE WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTRY OR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY CONVICTION AND I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALSO THE COMMON CONVICTION OF US ALL. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY EXPECT ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY -- MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ALIKE -- TO BE FULLY AWARE THAT WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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"SAILING TOGETHER IN ONE BOAT" AND THUS TO MANIFEST THE SPIRIT OF "ONE HEART AND ONE WILL." I BELIEVE IMPLICITLY THAT AS LONG AS WE CAN ELIMINATE THE CAUSE OF DOMESTIC TURMOIL EMBODIED IN THE WICKEDNESS OF MAO TSE-TUNG, WE CAN BRING THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE TO FREE ASIA AND THE FREE WORLD. FOR OUR MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT, I PLEDGE MY READINESS FOR ANY SANGUINARY SACRIFICE. I SHALL EXPECT YOUR CONSTANT COOPERATION AND COUNSEL

SO THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH A NEW CHINA BASED ON THE  
THREE PRINCIPLES OF THE PEOPLE, OPEN UP A NEW ERA OF  
SAN MIN CHU I AND COMPLETE PRESIDENT CHIANG'S UNFINISHED  
WORK. THIS IS THE WAY FOR US TO CONSOLE THE PRESIDENT'S  
SOUL IN HEAVEN. UNQUOTE.  
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